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SUBJECT: FRENCH SUPPORT SOMALIA PIRACY CONTACT GROUP
MEETINGS

REF: A. STATE 133199 B. STATE 133750

(SBU) IO DAS-Equivalent Fabien Penone reiterated French support for the Somalia Piracy Contact Group and plans for a January meeting in New York. He stated that Anti-Piracy Coordinator Ambassador Chantal Poirot was already in direct communication with A/S Kimmitt about the proposed 13-14 January meetings. The level of French participation at this point was unclear. With regard to the agenda, Penone commented to poloff that mobilizing the international community remained the key objective, with pre-cooking an action plan of less consequence.

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